

PAWTUCKET COMMERCE REPORT 2022

Pawtucket made great strides in **2022** as we began work on the transformative Tidewater Landing project, prepared for and facilitating growth around the new train station, and launched numerous small business support initiatives to grow our small business base. Many of the projects begun this year have further laid the ground work for a successful and prosperous **2023** and beyond.



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Broke ground and began construction on the new **10,000** seat Rhode Island Football Club soccer stadium. This project is projected to create **3,700** jobs, more than **2,500** of which will be permanent jobs.

\$4.8 MILLION Acquired **\$4.8 million** from the Economic Development Administration to construct the Blackstone River Bikeway from Slater Mill to the new soccer stadium. One of the largest recreation grant awards the City has ever received.

01 The City coordinated with RIDOT and RIPTA to complete the construction of the \$58 million Pawtucket-Central Falls Train Station and Bus Hub project.

Pawtucket partnered with the RI Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for small-business walking tours, reaching more than **30** businesses.

The City distributed **\$60,000** worth of supplies and equipment to 12 Pawtucket businesses as a part of the Take It Outside Program to assist them in adapting their business for outdoor uses.

- Pawtucket Business Development Corporation (PBDC) loaned out **\$28,300** to Pawtucket small businesses.
- Pawtucket Business Development (PBDC) launched the HVAC & COVID-19 Grant Program for Pawtucket small businesses.
- Launched the first ever tourism video for the City's thriving brewery & distillery industry.
- The City held five Pawtucket Promotes events to support small business activity and growth.

- 01** Pawtucket celebrated its **24th** annual Pawtucket Arts Festival.
- 02** Pawtucket celebrated its **6th** annual Restaurant Week which included the 2nd annual PCF Epananada-Fest.
- 03** New England Institute of Technology University opened a Resource Center in Downtown Pawtucket.
- 04** Pawtucket and RI Manufacturing Association held a job fair to connect residents with job opportunities at Quonset Point.